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## AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of June 4, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this Amendment and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

The Remarks portion begins on page 7 of this Amendment.